

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF TEL-LINK OF KENTUCKY, L.L.C.	)	
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE	)	
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE	)	CASE NO. 97-169
LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE RESALE OF	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE	)	
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

On May 8, 1997, TEL-LINK of Kentucky, L.L.C. ("TEL-LINK") filed an application requesting authorization to provide local resold intrastate telecommunications service. TEL-LINK is a Kentucky Limited Liability Company with its principal offices in the state of Georgia.

TEL-LINK seeks authority to provide prepaid local telecommunications resale service to consumers (i) who have been disconnected by the incumbent local exchange carrier, or by competitive local exchange carriers, for non-payment or (ii) who have failed to meet such carriers' applicable credit standards. TEL-LINK will offer the customer all services with the exception of (1+) of (0+) toll services or caller-paid information services (e.g., 1-900), and will serve both business and residential customers.

TEL-LINK states that it wishes to charge its customers on a monthly basis, in advance, for such prepaid local service. Payment, due on the first day of the month, must be received in full by the third day of the month, or TEL-LINK will disconnect the service. To disconnect customers in this manner, TEL-LINK requests a waiver from the

requirements of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14, Refusal or Termination of Service. Because TEL-LINK customers will be those whose payment history has limited their ability to obtain service from more traditional local carriers in a competitive local exchange market, the Commission finds that the required waiver should be granted on the condition that TEL-LINK states its termination rules in plain language on all customer contracts.

TEL-LINK has obtained a bond in support of its future Universal Service Fund obligations. The amount of the bond is an estimate of 6 percent of the estimated gross receipts to be received from its provision of intrastate telecommunications services.

TEL-LINK and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") also have submitted their negotiated interconnection agreement for Commission approval pursuant to 47 USC, Section 252(e). The Commission approved the agreement in Case No. 97-218<sup>1</sup> on April 13, 1997.

The information provided in TEL-LINK's application and exhibits thereto demonstrate its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that TEL-LINK should be authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as described in this Order and its application.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 97-218, Approval of the Resale Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and TEL-LINK, LLC, Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

1. TEL-LINK is granted authority to provide local intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described herein and in its application, on and after the date of this Order.

2. TEL-LINK is granted a waiver from 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14.


3. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, TEL-LINK shall file its Kentucky tariff pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011.

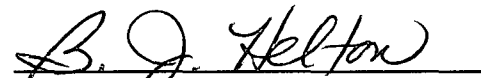
4. TEL-LINK shall comply with the monitoring requirements set forth in Administrative Case No. 355.<sup>2</sup>

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of July, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

<sup>2</sup> Administrative Case No. 355, An Inquiry into Local Competition, Universal Service, and the Non-Traffic Sensitive Access Rate, Order dated September 26, 1996.